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OUTSOURCING PAN RELATED JOB
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Income Tax Department has outsourced the issue of PAN cards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any Expert Committee has been appointed to study the security features of the PAN cards;

(d) if so, the details and its recommendations thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to implement them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE: (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been outsourced to UTI Technology Services Ltd. (UTISL) and National Security Depository Ltd. (NSDL).

(c) A working group has been set up to examine the feasibility of use of biometric features in the PAN system.

(d) The Group has not yet submitted its report.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply to part (d).